

| AFFIRMATIVE. | | | | | |
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| Mr Speaker | R Dorsey | Jenkins | Beard | Duvall | Ridgely |
| H Watts | T H Dorsey | Posey | Thomas | Schnebly | Prather |
| Blakistone | Blake | Haynie | Somerville | Washington | Tomlinson |
| Causin | Stoddert | Hart | Semmes | | |
| NEGATIVE. | | | | | |
| Boyer | Price | Lecompte | Meconnikin | Howard | M Donald |
| Ringgold | Showers | Griffith | Harrison | Davis | W Stewart |
| C Stewart | Hambleton | A D. Mitchell | Quinton | Bradford | Kell |
| Horrell | Hands | F M Hall | Handy | Glenn | Watkins |
| Turner | Banning | Claude | Potts | Driver | Lanham |
| Warner | Dennis | Roberts | Taney | Houston | R K Watts |
| Harryman | Long | | | | |

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the question was put, That the whole of the bill after the third section be stricken out? viz. "4th. And to prevent the clandestine and fraudulent exportation of slaves and of free negroes and mulattoes, under false pretexts that such persons are slaves, Be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful, at any time after the publication of this act, for any person whomsoever to take or carry out of any county within this state, any negro or mulatto slave, with intent to export, or cause to be exported, such slave, beyond the limits of Maryland, without having in his possession a bill of sale for such slave, which bill of sale shall be in due form, and contain the name, age, complexion, size, and distinguishing marks of such slave, and shall be executed by the seller in the presence of two competent witnesses, and acknowledged at the same time before a justice of the peace of the county wherein such seller shall reside, who shall certify and subscribe such acknowledgment on the back of the said bill of sale; and there shall also be endorsed on such bill of sale the certificate of the clerk of such county, under his proper hand, and the seal of his office distinctly impressed, setting forth the identity and signature of such justice in the usual form. 5th. And be it enacted, That if any person whosoever shall take or carry out of any county within this state, any negro or mulatto slave with intent to export, or cause to be exported, any such slave, beyond the limits of Maryland, without having in his possession a bill of sale for such slave, executed, acknowledged and certified, in the manner herein before directed, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of — dollars for every slave so taken and carried away contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, to be recovered by bill of indictment in the county court wherein such offence shall have been committed. 6th. And be it further enacted, That if any person whosoever shall be in the act of so taking or carrying, or shall be about to take or carry, or shall be reasonably suspected of intending to take or carry, out of any county within this state, any negro or mulatto slave, which such person may have in his possession, custody or charge, or in the possession, custody or charge, of any other person for his use, with intent to export, or cause to be exported, such slave beyond the limits of Maryland, it shall and may be lawful for any magistrate, sheriff, constable, or other known officer of the neighbourhood, peaceably to call upon every such person and demand an inspection of the bill of sale which he ought to have as his authority for taking and carrying away such slave; and if such person shall not have a bill of sale in his possession for every such slave, or shall refuse or unreasonably delay to produce the same, or shall produce a bill of sale not executed nor acknowledged and certified in the manner herein before directed, or one which there may be cause for suspecting to be false or forged, then and in every such case it shall and may be lawful for such magistrate, sheriff, constable or officer, to take into his custody and charge, every such slave for whom no bill of sale, or such insufficient bill of sale shall be produced, and every such slave to detain and secure until due enquiry can be made concerning the circumstances of the case, and he shall have power to summon the neighbouring citizens to his assistance; and if it shall appear that the person so detained and secured is really a slave, notice shall be forthwith given to the master or owner to whom he or she belonged, who on attending may act and do in the premises according to his discretion; provided that in case he had intended to sell such slave for exportation, he shall forthwith execute and acknowledge a bill of sale pursuant to the directions of this act; but if it shall appear, or there be just cause for believing, that the person so detained and secured is a free person, he or she shall be at liberty to file a petition for freedom, or to take other remedy against the person so in the act of taking or carrying, or about to take and carry away him or her out of such county as aforesaid, or keeping him or her in his possession, custody or charge, for that purpose; and the party so believed to be free, and also the person so having had such party in his possession, custody or charge, shall be required and obliged, by any magistrate of such county, to enter into separate recognizances, with good and sufficient securities, in a sum not exceeding — dollars, conditioned for their appearance respectively at the ensuing county court, and for their daily attendance thereon, the one to prosecute such petition, and the other to answer whatever may be alleged against him, and both to submit to and abide by, such order and judgment as the said county court shall make and render in the premises; and the said magistrate shall return the said recognizances to such county court; and if such free person shall institute a suit for false imprisonment against the person so having unlawfully kept and detained the plaintiff in his possession, custody or charge, the defendant shall be required to give special bail in such action, sufficient to answer the damages and costs, which the plaintiff shall recover; provided nevertheless, that this act shall not extend, nor be construed to extend, to residents of this state travelling with their servants, or removing with their families in the manner, and well known, and always accustomed. 7th. And whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that negroes and mulattoes have been sometimes committed to prison as runaways, who in fact were free persons, and who by reason of their confinement have been prevented from procuring the evidence of their freedom, and have been unjustly sold and carried out of this state, or otherwise unlawfully disposed of, and that in other respects the laws concerning runaways require to be altered and amended, Be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several and respective sheriffs of this state, and they are hereby required and directed, upon any person being committed to their custody as a runaway, to cause such person to be advertised, within twenty days after such commitment, in some public newspaper nearest to the neighbourhood to which such person shall allege he or she belongs, and also in some newspaper published in the city of Baltimore; and such advertisement shall minutely describe the name, person, cloathing, and particular marks of such suspected runaway, and the account which he or she shall give of himself or